

Warm-up:

Revise this example using more vividly interesting words and sentence structures:

My best friend is so nice. She's funny. She's really funny when we go to the mall and hang out together. We like to do fun things that make us laugh a lot. When we go out to eat we always order good things and have fun.

Think About...

Did I stretch to get a better word—scurry rather than run?

Do my verbs give my writing punch or pizzazz?

Did I avoid is, am, are, was, were, be, being, and been whenever I could?

Have I used any figurative language such as a simile or a metaphor?

Did I try to use a vocabulary word?

Did I use a specific example to support my point or to illustrate this idea to my reader?